

are the provisions that we're talking about, that negotiated agreement. So I think this is the reason that the Claims Board said, no, the state isn't liable here, we're not going to pay this. It has to be worked out basically between the union and the employee. And I don't think that had come out in the discussion at all so far, so I thought that I ought to share that with you. Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY PRESIDING

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Next, Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: I'm sorry, I didn't think I came up that quickly. I find this an extremely curious discussion and the vote on calling the question even, even more unbelievable. The issue here, I think Senator Maurstad said it very, very well. The reason that this woman obviously went to the state is because it was the state that withheld her union dues, or gave them to the union without...after she had told them not to do so. It would...anyone who had an employer who they said, we no longer want to be a member of the union, please do not withhold our union dues. If the employer continued to do so, that's why they would go after the employer because they made the request to the state. The state should reimburse this woman, in my opinion, and then go after the union for the \$700. This has nothing to do with...the taxpayer money that we're talking about is this woman, she's the taxpayer. It's her money. It's her money that they took and it's her money that she earned. And they took it out of her paycheck because...because they could do that. They've got hold of the paychecks of all these employees here. And I'm thinking, is this the only person who wanted to leave the union during this time? Or do they do this to a bunch of other people? Maybe she's the only one that decided to go to the state about it. Maybe this is just the first thing we've heard about. Maybe there's other people out there who said, I want to...I want to stop being in the union. And they said, well, you have to wait for a year. So for a whole year's time, they get to take that person's earnings and give it to the union. This is...whoever made this deal with the union, boy, this is a sweet deal for one thing, and if it was the administration here, the Governor, if this is what...if this is the kind of deals that they're making with the union, I'm real comfortable with LB 1044 that you're passing through here and